

REMARKS

Claims 14 and 16-21 are pending in this application.

Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejections

In response to 1) the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 14 and 16-20 as being unpatentable over claims 16 and 18 of copending Application No. 10/616,695 (now US 7,511,853 B2), and 2) the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claim 21 as being unpatentable over claim 16 of copending Application No. 10/616,695 (now US 7,511,853 B2) in view of Official Notice, Applicant is concurrently submitting a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the above-listed nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 14 and 16-21 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of claims 14 and 16-21, and submits that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP133).

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